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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-10: rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-10 are generally narrative and indefinite, failing to conform with current U.S. practice. They appear to be a literal translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors. See for example, claim 1, lines 5 and 7, "said pressing part is placed freely onto the top ..." and "installed freely", respectively. Claim 1, line 10, which includes the phrase "the hollow body locates corresponding to the connection". Claim 1, lines 8-9, "said brake bar exposes externally to...". Claim 1, lines 10-11, "said pressing part can not move forward or backward for said stopper blocks said brake bar".

In claims 1-10 terms such as "the free", "downward", "inside", "forward", "backward", "left", "right", "away", "the bottom", "the top", "horizontal", etc. are a relative terms which renders the claim indefinite.

Claims 1-10 include numerous instances of terms which do not have a proper antecedent basis. See for example, "the center open", "the inner side", "the free end", "the top of said body", "the top of said brake bar", "the opening of said pressing part", "the bottom of said brake bar", "the bottom of said free end", "the same side of said starter", "the ignition area", "the pressing brim", "the other side of said gas outlet", "the other side of said gas tube", "the other side of said gas outlet", "the right of said hollow body", "the free end of said safety switch", "the center of said braking bar", "the original location", etc.

Claims 1-10 do not accurately describe the invention. For example, in claim 1, lines 12-13, the phrase "on the bottom of said pressing part" should be - - by engaging a top surface of said pressing brim".

In regard to claim 6, the symbols and associated quotation marks (">", "L") cause the claim to be indefinite since it is unclear to what extent, or in what manner the symbol would necessarily define the scope of the claimed invention. Does applicant merely intend to claim V-shaped and L-shaped elements, respectively?

Double Patenting

Claims 1 and 7 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1 and 3 of copending Application No. 10/619416. This is a provisional double patenting rejection since the conflicting claims have not yet been patented.

Claims 1 and 7 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 3 of copending Application No. 10/619416. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because: While the present application includes a broad recitation of an ignition device (e.g. – “electronic pilot”), Official Notice is taken that it is well known to use electronic piezo-electric units as ignition means in gas lighters and combustion apparatus in general. Therefore, in view of that which is well known and for the purpose of providing a suitable electronic ignition means for the device set forth in applicant’s claims, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art to select a piezo-electric type igniter for the electronic ignition of applicant’s claim,

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-6 and 8-10 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

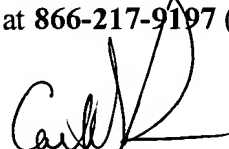
See the attached PTO FORM for prior art made of record that is not relied upon, which is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Carl D. Price** whose telephone number is **(703) 308-1953**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, between the hours of **6:30 am** and **3:30 pm**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Ira Lazarus** can be reached on **(703) 308-1935**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **703-872-9306**.

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